



## Legislators Struggle with Death Sentences, Grape Juice Testing

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A really varied menu of legislative topics, digestible or otherwise, is being put before us in the special session which is going on at the same time as our budget meeting. So far, a total of 18 items have been marked for inclusion in the call, and others are still being suggested. Our deliberations have already been whipped into

quite a froth by the hotly controversial issue of capital punishment. But even as you read this, it may have already been settled one way or the other.

WE HAVE ALREADY taken action at this special session on Squaw Valley. Early in February we appropriated a \$1 million emergency fund for the Winter Olympics. Now we understand that we must con-

sider and decide the future of permanent facilities at the Valley.

A third major item is re-organization of higher education. After months of work, a master plan has been developed by a liaison committee of representatives of all kinds of publicly supported institutions of higher education. This plan would set up a separate board for the state colleges, would enable them

to grant some kind of doctoral degrees, and would provide for issuance of joint degrees with the University. The plan also recommends raising entrance requirements to all state higher institutions. Several separate bills may be needed for this whole program in this field.

STILL ANOTHER matter is smog control. Legislation proposed on this topic would

call for a local optin type of administration. Counties adopting such requirements could demand installation of anti-smog devices, certified as effective by the State, on various classes of vehicles.

Continuation of state protection for employee's health, welfare and pension systems is also on the agenda. Due to expire in a few months, the state law which provides this safeguard may also be applied to funds controlled by employers as well as to those administered by unions.

OTHER PROPOSED legislation up for consideration at

our special session relates to motor vehicles. Amendments to vehicle registration procedures, to laws regulating vehicle parking, and to those concerning removal of illegally parked cars from highways and public property, all fall in this category.

Newspapers have given much space to the trials giving "pedestrian malls" in downtown areas of various cities. Minor legal difficulties concerning them have arisen here in California, so one of the items on our agenda would permit closing of city streets to vehicular traffic so such malls can be developed.

is one. State Bar annual dues is another. Correction of the Judges' Retirement law, a third. Duties of the Law Revision Commission, a fourth. Local hospital districts, public library districts, and boards of supervisors are affected by still other proposals.

A new law relating to testing the juice of fresh grapes is an interesting proposal. Emergency fire fighting funds, cancellation of property taxes on churches, colleges, and orphanages, and validation of acts of local agencies are all also included in our work list.

It certainly seems as though our special session will be a busy, and perhaps a lengthy one. Other items of great importance are being considered for inclusion in it, so our pile of work may mount still higher.

OTHER ITEMS brought before our special session for consideration illustrate the breadth of legislative matters to be taken up. The constitutionality of appropriation laws for claims against the State

## Scout Trails

### Boy Scout Troop 946

Boy Scouts and parents of Troop 946, sponsored by the ILWU Local No. 13 of Wilmington, met at the Union Hall for a pot luck supper recently and to hold the court of honor.

Promoted during the evening were Jimmie Williams, Eddie Selanova, Loren Wright, Eddie Randon, Billy Remos, George Elce, Richard Brooks, Dennis and Ronald Orbison, Gus Bustamonte, A. Lopez, and Richard Montgomery.

On Friday evening, Feb. 28, the boys were guests of Cub Pack Troop 799 at the Crippled and Handicapped Children's School in Huntington Park.

The troop meets regularly each Monday evening at the ILWU hall, 409 E. Pacific Coast Hwy., Wilmington, at 7:30.

former committee chairman and cubmaster; and Wally Warren, scoutmaster.

Four new members, Kris Hamada, Robert Myers, Daryl Delman, and Walter Funk, received bobcat pins and were welcomed with ceremony.

Receiving badges and pins during the awards ceremony were Tommy Eberly, Mike Carver, Gary Turner, Gary Morioka, Ty Coulter, Terry Larson, Daryl Delman, Larry Patrick, Loy Votaw, Mike Hainline, Ronnie Carver, Dennis Webb and Bruce Moore.

Den Mothers bow pins went to Mary Coulter, Rosie Larson, Wanda Webb and Norma Condon.

### Scout Troop Formed

An intermediate Girl Scout Troop for girls attending Stephen White Junior High School was formed last week, and will be sponsored by the school's PTA. Meetings will be held at the school on Thursdays immediately after school.

A mother's meeting was held Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Mary Garland, 1863 W. 214th St. Registered adults include Mary Garland, Marion Grable, Mathilde Wascher, Louis Dillbeck, Lucille Devine, Helen Moore, and Phyllis Borneman.

### Boy Scout Troop 242

Members of Boy Scout Troop 242 celebrated the 50th anniversary of scouting at a dinner recently honoring Boy speakers for 1950 and Toastmasters International, sponsors of the 12-weeks basic training course for speakers.

Several area officials of Boy Scouts and Toastmasters attended the session in which Don Oldt won the honorary cup with a speech entitled, "Why Go to School?"

Other speakers receiving Toastmaster certificates and a merit badge for speaking were Barry Alexander, Charles Brugnola, Mike Clifford, Peter Conley, John Cross, John D'Aloia, Eric Edmonson, Jim Fagon, Bob Gmur, George Hill, Bob Jones, Jim Jones, Dennis Kennedy, Rick Landwehr, Tom Ono, Dick Turcott, Jerry Weeks, and Terry Weeks.

The troop is sponsored by Christ the King Lutheran Church.

### Girl Scout Troop 580

Girl Scout Troop 580 sponsored by the Howard Wood PTA held a Valentine party at the home of their co-leader, Mrs. Bonnie Clark. Games were played and dancing was enjoyed during the evening. Valentines were exchanged by the girls, and refreshments were served.

On Monday, Feb. 22, the girls held a cook-out at Peck's Park in San Pedro where they worked on their second class badges. A spaghetti dinner was prepared by members of the troop with the help of Mrs. Phyllis Morgan and Mrs. Clark.

Girls belonging to the troop include Terry Braswell, Susan Clark, Nancy Coffey, Susan Coleman, Clean McComas, Judy Wyrick, Nancy Harrison, Judy Engstrom, Diana DeWitt, Ricky Morgan, Jan Eckersley, Linda Wigg, Diana Zuber, Elizabeth Rye, Sandy Cox, Pat De Temple, and Pamela Hoy.

### Cub Scout Pack 222-C

Members of Cub Scout Pack 222-C held their annual Blue and old dinner at the Western Cafe in Gardena recently. The 50th year of scouting was celebrated at the meeting.

Cubmaster Glen Patrick introduced committeemen, leaders, den mothers, and other guests. Among those present were Ken Leatherman, area commissioner; Bob Williams,



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